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SUBJ: SANTA BARBARA CHANNEL LEASES

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1. EMBOFF PASSED INFO CONTAINED REF A TO ALI KHALIFA WHO EXPRESSED THANKS FOR RAPID RESPONSE TO HIS QUERY. HE ASKED TWO ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS, HOWEVER: (1) WERE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION ONLY REASON FOR USG WANTING BUY BACK LEASES AND (2) WHAT COULD WE TELL HIM REGARDING FORM AND OTHER ASPECTS COMPENSATION USG CONTEMPLATING PAYING CURRENT HOLDERS OF LEASES? EMBOFF SAID HE WOULD TRY OBTAIN WHATEVER INFO HE COULD.

2. COMMENT: WE WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE ANSWERS TO ALI KHALIFA'S QUERIES IF POSSIBLE. REALIZE FACT THAT MATTER CURRENTLY PENDING BEFORE CONGRESS MAY MAKE OVERLY DETAILED DISCUSSION THIS SUBJECT PREMATURE. ON OTHER HAND, GOK SEEMS INTERESTED IN LEGAL ASPECTS THIS MATTER AND IT POSSIBLE THEY MAY WISH APPLY US PRINCIPALS AND PRECEDENTS HERE IN SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES IN FUTURE. PRESUMABLY, INFORMING GOK OF USG APPROACH COULD HELP SHAPRE LOCAL PRACTICES AND THIS WOULD SERVE OUR OVERALL INTERESTS. END COMMENT

3. ALI KHALIFA EXPECTS BE OUT OF KUWAIT DURING SEPTEMBER IN CONNECTION WITH OPEC MEETINGS. IF POSSIBLE WOULD APPRECIATE REPLY BY EARLY OCTOBER.

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